(c) Government has recently enhanced the 'on account' rate of royalty on crude oil to Rs. 578/- per metric tonne w.e.f. 1.4.1996 subject to adjustment on notificaiton of the final rate of royalty and finalisation of crude price in due course.

Allotment of land for Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library

*375. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land of the presnt Bungalow Nos. 13,15,17,19, and 21 on Janpath, has been allotted to the Ministry of Welfare for construction of Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library, as decided by Government in 1991 when Birth Centenary of Dr. Ambedkar was celebrated;

(b) if so, whether the above land has since been handed over to that Ministry of construction of the proposed Library; and

(c) if so, what is the present status of the proposed Library?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. This Ministry had agreed in principle to allot the lands under bungalow nos. 13, 15, 17, 19 & 21 on Janpath to the Ministry of Welfare for construction of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Public Library. However, formal possession could not be handed over to the Ministry of Welfare as bungalow numbers 13, 15, 17 and 19 have not yet been vacated and handed over to CPWD by the Lok Sabha Secretariat. The matter is being pursued with the Lok Sabha Secretariat.

Kashmir Jehad Fund raised in London

*376. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Tribune of December 2, 1996, that a huge fund called, the 'Kashmir Jehad Fund' has been raised in London; and

(b) if so, what is Government's information about the extent of such fund, its use in disruptive activities in Kashmir and the players in the game?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There have been reports from time to time, about collection of funds by various groups in U.K., which are clandestinely channelled through Pakistan/POK for financing terrorist and subversive activities in J & K. It is, however, not possible to give specific details in this regard or to quantify such collections. The Government has been regularly sharing such reports and its concerns in this regard at the diplomatic level. Within the country, a close watch is kept by all the concerned security agencies with a view to check and contain the flow of such funds into the country.

Power purchase agreement between NTPC and Andhra Pradesh Government

*377. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has signed an agreement for purchase of power from the Simhadri Unit of NTPC; and